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Mann Denies He Plans to Resign As Latin Adviser

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Thomas C. Mann, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, said today he planned to continue in his three-cornered role directing Latin American foreign policy as long as President Johnson wants him to stay on.

Mann replied to unauthoritative rumors circulating in some diplomatic circles that he planned to resign or retire after the end of the year.

"When I was given my present assignment, I made plans to stay on for an indefinite period," Mann said. "Nothing has happened to cause me to change these plans in any way or to want to change them."

In addition to serving as Assistant Secretary for Inter-American Affairs, the 51-year-old Texan also is cordinator of the Alliance for Progress program and special assistant to the President on Latin American policy.